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Memorandum of Conversation

FILE

DATE: 23 July 1965

SUBJECT : Cadillac Limousine

PARTICIPANTS: General Motors Corporation:
John G. Riggs, Director of Government SalesCIA:

L. K. White, Executive Director-Comptroller

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1. At the Director's request, on 20 July 1965 I telephoned Mr. John Riggs in Detroit to discuss the possibility of leasing a Cadillac limousine from General Motors for the Director. (The Director had talked with Mr. Riggs earlier.) I told Mr. Riggs that a 1965 limousine was not too important to us since the car which the Director now uses can be kept in service until the new models come out. Mr. Riggs then confirmed that he had been unable to find a 1965 limousine and that, since they stopped the limited production of this model in March, it was unlikely that he would do so. The new models become available in December or January and are usually gone by March.

2. I expressed hope that General Motors would lease a 1966 limousine to the Director on the same basis as to other senior Government officials. Mr. Riggs said that he well remembered the turn-down of a similar request for Mr. McCone and that he was, in fact, a party to that decision. He also said that they already had some thirty-seven limousines on lease to "Cabinet"-rank officers and that they were most anxious not to expand the program. In addition, he said that he felt they were obliged to comply with the President's instructions as issued to Government agencies through the Bureau of the Budget, and he inquired whether we had authority to obtain a limousine. I explained to Mr. Riggs the sensitivity of the Director's position and the unavoidable discussion of classified matters while riding in his car and said that we felt it imperative to have a sliding glass panel between the front and rear seats of his car. Only the limousine would accomplish the privacy needed

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and this position has been officially accepted by the Bureau of the Budget despite the Director's name not being on the officially published list. Mr. Riggs said that he understood completely and that he would try to carry the ball for us when he checks this out with his top management. I explained that we were anxious to comply with the spirit of the Presidential directive and that we felt the most economical way to do this was to lease a limousine from General Motors at the going price even though this might cause General Motors to be out of pocket.

3. I agreed to confirm my request in writing, and Mr. Riggs agreed to let me know their decision as soon as possible. I believe that he was impressed with my security argument, and I think we may have some chance of getting the limousine.

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L. K. White
Executive Director-Comptroller

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